



## **St. Elizabeth High School Seeks Annual Fund Support**

Alumni, parents of current students and parishioners recently received the annual solicitation letter signed by Principal Shirley Bounds. The letter requests consideration of a gift in support of the St. E Annual Fund.

The goal of the 2011-2012 Annual Fund Campaign is to secure funding for the following initiatives, which have been identified through the Middle States reaccreditation process and through St. E advisory groups:

**Scholarship Opportunities** – to increase the number of scholarships awarded annually and honor the people who donate towards those scholarships. In particular, gifts earmarked for scholarships by alumni will be named in honor of a specific class when the total donated by class members reaches at least \$500.

**Electronic Database** – St. E students have exceptional access to technology and are expected to research and produce projects or portfolios digitally for college-preparatory and Advanced Placement assignments in the Viking Media Center. These assignments would be significantly enhanced with the purchase of an annual subscription to comprehensive electronic databases; for example, UDLibSearch and Follett Library Resources. These resources would enable all curriculum areas to embrace the research and writings of scholars past and present and allow students to expand their skills in research and global awareness while providing an experience of learning at the collegiate and postgraduate level.

**Curriculum Mapping Program** – This initiative is a process by which a school can ensure that core content curriculum evolves through 'essential questions' in creative, innovative and measurable ways. A computer-based program facilitates the collaborative development of curriculum from ninth through twelfth grade. Curriculum Mapping would be an additional way of assuring that students achieve those 21st century skills and abilities of presentation, collaboration, research and global awareness that are all so closely connected to success in the global community.

Each of these three initiatives requires a long-term financial commitment from St. Elizabeth High School. Growth of scholarship awards will be a perennial goal with \$20,000 as the target for new scholarships this year. A comprehensive electronic database will cost approximately \$7,000 per year to sustain. Expenses for developing a curriculum mapping program are estimated to be \$25,000 per year for five years.

The contributions of alumni, parents, parishioners and friends have real value today, and they also serve as a collective leadership gift to inspire the participation of other potential benefactors in the future. Gifts – no matter the size – are crucial to the continued success of the St. E curriculum.

To be a partner in St. E's success and share the Viking vision by contributing to the Annual Fund, contact Kevin Scott, director of development, at 302.656.3369, ext. 3027, or by e-mail at [scottk@sehs.org](mailto:scottk@sehs.org).